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SUBJECT: ARMS CACHE FOUND IN BALUCHISTAN

1. THE INTER-SERVICES PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORATE (ARMED SERVICES PUBLIC RELATIONS) ANNOUNCED IN RAWALPINDI MAY 21 THAT AN ARMY SEARCH PARTY, ACTING ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS, FOUND AND SEIZED "ARMS AND AMMUNITION OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURE" CONCEALED IN A CAVE 10 MILES FROM MASTUNG (32 MILES SOUTH OF QUETTA) MAY 19. THE PRESS RELEASE INDICATED THAT THE CACHE COMPRISED 20 LIGHT MACHINE GUNS WITH 204 MAGAZINES, THREE RIFLES WITH 15,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, ONE 2-INCH MORTAR WITH 65 SHELLS, 450 POUNDS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, AND ANCILLARY ITEMS. MILITARY TRAINING LITERATURE OF AFGHAN ORIGIN WAS ALSO RECOVERED, ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE DENOUNCED AFGHAN COMPLICITY IN THE SUPPLY OF ARMS.

2. OVER LUNCH WITH CONGENOFF MAY 22, MINOR BUT POLITICALLY WELL-CONNECTED BALUCH SARDAR STATED THAT ARMS CACHE SEIZURE REPORT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"PROBABLY CORRECT" AND "NOT SURPRISING". HE NOTED THAT HILLS

AROUND MASTUNG HAD BEEN LONG-TIME STRONGHOLD OF SALMAN KHAN
BALUCH, A YOUTHFUL GUERILLA WHO IS THE SON OF BALUCHISTAN
LEGISLATOR PRINCE AGHA ABDUL KARIM AND NEPHEW OF THE GOVERNOR.
SARDAR ADDED THAT GOP RELUCTANCE TO SPECIFY THE ORIGIN OF THE
SEIZED ARMS WHILE CITING AFGHAN ORIGIN OF THE LITERATURE STRONGLY
INDICATED THAT THE ARMS MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY THE
USSR TO THE AFGHAN ARMY AND DIVERTED BY THE AFGHANS TO THE BALUCH
GUERILLAS.
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